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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

ADOPTING THE POLICY FOR DEVELOPING THE FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill (SB) 200 (Stats. 2019, Ch. 120) established the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Fund), in which money is appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to fund projects to help water systems provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water;
2. Health and Safety Code section 116768.5 requires the State Water Board to develop and adopt a Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan (Policy) on or before July 1, 2020;
3. Expenditures from the Fund must be consistent with the Fund Expenditure Plan, adopted on or before July 1, 2020 (Health & Saf. Code, § 116766, subd. (d));
4. Health and Safety Code section 116768.5 also requires the Policy to include the following elements: (1) a requirement that the State Water Board consult with an Advisory Group to aid in meeting the purposes of the Fund Expenditure Plan; (2) identification of key terms, criteria, metrics, and their definitions; (3) a description of how proposed remedies will be identified, evaluated, prioritized, and included in the fund expenditure plan; (4) the establishment of a process by which members of a disadvantaged community may petition the State Water Board to consider ordering consolidation; and (5) a requirement that the State Water Board hold at least one public hearing before adopting a Fund Expenditure Plan; and
5. The Draft Policy was released for public comment on January 3, 2020 and discussed at the Advisory Group meetings on January 13 and February 19, 2020. A State Water Board Workshop was held on March 3, 2020, where staff discussed the Draft Policy, summarized comments received, and discussed potential changes to the Draft Policy. Revisions to the Draft Policy were made to address comments made by the Advisory Group and in response to written comments received.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the Policy (hereto attached); and

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2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to update and amend the Appendices to the Policy, as necessary for administrative or procedural changes not in conflict with the Policy.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on May 5, 2020.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board